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1. [REDACTED] Checked with Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, about the matter of a briefing of Frank Sullivan, of the Committee staff, on Soviet general forces and Soviet and Chinese nuclear programs. I reminded Ticer that we were awaiting word from him that Sullivan's top secret security clearance had been reinstated through the Department of Defense before proceeding to grant him compartmented clearances and provide him with the briefing. Ticer recalled our prior conversation on this subject and assured me he would let me know when they have final word from DOD.

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2. [REDACTED] Dorothy Fosdick, Senator Jackson's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, called to say that Senator Jackson wanted Richard Perle and her to get a briefing on the "cease fire line" in the Middle East. I told her it was my impression there was no cease fire line as such but I would check and be back in touch with her. Later in the day, after conversations with [REDACTED] and Mr. Maury on the subject, I told Fosdick and Perle that indeed there were no clearly defined "cease fire lines" or clear lines establishing relative positions of the Arabs and Israelis. Perle asked what kind of a map Kissinger, State, had before his discussion in Moscow and I told him I had no idea. I went on to say that with respect to Kissinger's maps, he might want to check with the State Department or, as Maury had suggested to Senator Jackson the other day, they might want to contact the Department of Defense to see if they had any more specific information on the relative position of the Arab/Israeli forces. Perle's only comment was that he would go back to Senator Jackson and perhaps check with the "military people."

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3. [REDACTED] In response to a call from Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), Mr. Maury and I talked with him about the situation in the Middle East and Maury briefed him on the scale of military activities of both the Egyptian and Syrian forces using the latest situation reports and the prepared statement which the Director used before the House Armed Services Committee this morning.